

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Forest Conservation Act – Diversion of **29.6878** Ha of Forest Land for Erection of 400 kV QMDC Line from the proposed 1x800 MW Power Plant at KTPS, Palvancha to the proposed 400/220 KV SS at Padamati Narsapuram (V) Julurupadu (M) in erstwhile Khammam (District) presently Bhadradri-Kothagudem District in favour of Chief Engineer, TSTRANSCO, Warangal.- Final **(Stage.II) approval** accorded – Orders – issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 62

Dated: 03-08-2022
Read the following:-

- 1.From the PCCF (HoFF), T.S.,Hyd. Ref.No.18872/2015/FCA-3/PS,
Dated: 03.03.2017
- 2.State Govt. Lr.No.1027/For.I (1)/2017, 07.04.2017.
- 3.From GoI, MoEF&CC, Chennai, F.No.4-TSC075/2017-CHN/1278,
dt.11.08.2017.
- 4.From PCCF (HoFF), T.S., Hyd, Ref.No.18872/2015/FCA-4
Dt.26.10.2021.
- 5.Govt. Letter. No.1027/For.I(1)/2017, Dated:20.11.2021.
- 6.From the Inspector General of Forests(Central), GoI, MoEF&CC,
Hyderabad, F.No.4-TSC075/2017-CHN/127, Dt.29.11.2021

O R D E R

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana State, Hyderabad has furnished a proposal for diversion of **29.6878** Ha of Forest Land for Erection of 400 KV QMDC Line from the proposed 1x800 MW Power Plant at KTPS, Palvancha to the proposed 400/220 kV SS at Padamati Narsapuram (V) Julurupadu (M) in erstwhile Khammam (District) presently Bhadradri-Kothagudem District in favour of Chief Engineer, TSTRANSCO, Warangal.

2. In the letter 2nd read above, the proposal in para-1 above was forwarded to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Chennai for granting approval under section -2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980.

3. In the letter 3rd read above, the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, GoI, Chennai have conveyed Central Government's in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the proposal, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.

4. In the letter 5th read above, the State Government have sent the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by GoI, as submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana State, Hyderabad in her letter 4th read above, to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, IRO, Hyderabad for according necessary approval.

5. In the letter 6th read above, Central Government have granted final approval for the proposal in para-1 above, under Section- 2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.

6. Accordingly, Government hereby accord **final (Stage-II)** approval for diversion of **29.6878** Ha of Forest Land for Erection of 400 KV QMDC Line from the proposed 1x800 MW Power Plant at KTPS, Palvancha to the proposed 400/220 kV SS at Padamati Narsapuram (V) Julurupadu (M) in

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erstwhile Khammam (District) presently Bhadrachalam District in favour of Chief Engineer, TSTRANSCO, Warangal, under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

- i. Legal status of the diverted Forest land shall remain unchanged.
- ii. The State Forest Department shall demarcate the diverted forest area by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency.
- iii. The Compensatory Afforestation work & its maintenance shall be carried out by the State Forest Department in the entire identified degraded forest land over **38.372 ha** in Compt.No.34 of Damaracharla Beat and **21.5 ha** in Compt.No.313 of Pogalapally RF of Paloncha Division, from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency.
- iv. Identified CA land and approved CA scheme shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- v. The Compensatory Afforestation area identified in Paloncha Division reported to be under encroachment shall be retrieved immediately from the encroacher (s) and carryout CA plantation as proposed, as reported by the State Government the CA area should be taken up for planting after retrieving from the encroachment to an extent of 21.5 ha in Palvancha Division in the next planting season and report of compliance to this effect should be submitted to IRO, Hyderabad.
- vi. Additional amount of Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency.
- vii. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- viii. The User Agency shall provide fire wood preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage / tree felling.
- ix. User Agency shall ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in construction activity do not damage nearby forest flora & fauna.
- x. State Forest Department shall carry out raising plantation of dwarf species preferably medicinal plants in the right of Way under the transmission line from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency.
- xi. As per the assessment of DFOs concerned, the User Agency shall bear the cost every year for special protection of the forest blocks through which the transmission line is passing. The amount which has already been realized from the User Agency towards special protection of the forest blocks shall be spent for the specific purpose and report on such activities to be carried out by the State Forest Department for special protection of the forest blocks shall be submitted to Integrated Regional Office, Hyderabad every year.
- xii. The State Forest Department shall carry out mitigation measures to prevent soil erosion from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency.
- xiii. State Forest Department shall carryout translocation of the trees wherever feasible at the cost of User Agency.

- xiv. The felling of trees may be restricted to the extent only where it is necessary to remove.
 - xv. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred / sub leased to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
 - xvi. State Government and the user agency shall implement mitigation measures and other conditions as recommended by the Standing Committee of NBWL, from the amount of Rs.40 lakhs claimed to be deposited with BIOSAT account.
 - xvii. The height of the line shall be raised by additional 6 meters compared to the normal level.
 - xviii. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to Ministry's guidelines F.No.7-25/2012-FC, dated.05.05.2014 and provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulation and Guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the transmission line projects.
 - xix. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **29.6878 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal.
 - xx. All other conditions proposed by the State Government at the time of submission of the proposal to the Government of India shall be complied with by the User Agency.
 - xxi. The Progress in Compensatory Afforestation under the jurisdiction of DFO, Wildlife Management, Palvancha and as mentioned by the DFO, Kothagudem Division in Sl.No.12 (v) (a) & (b) of part II i.e. 34.31 ha of forest land shall be monitored by the Circle Head and a copy of such monitoring report shall be forwarded to the Integrated Regional Office, Hyderabad.
 - xxii. Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional Officer, IRO, Hyderabad may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the user agency.
 - xxiii. The user agency shall submit the annual self compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the State Government and to the Integrated Regional Office, Hyderabad, regularly.
 - xxiv. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for penal action as provisions of rules / guidelines made under FCA, 1980.
7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana State, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

A.SANTHI KUMARI,
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Telangana State, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

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The Regional Officer(Central),
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The Chief Engineer, TS TRANSCO, Warangal.
SC/SF.

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SECTION OFFICER